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To be used

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But thou, O Lord, art my Defender: thou art my worſhip, and the lifter up of my head. ver. 3.

I did call upon the Lord with my voice: and he heard me out of his holy Hill. *ver.* 4.

I laid me down, and ſlept, and roſe up again: for the Lord ſuſtained me. ver. 5.

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord, and thy Bleſſing is upon thy People. *ver.* 8.

I will come into thine Houſe, upon the multitude of thy Mercy: and in thy Fear will I Worſhip toward thy holy Temple. ver. 7.

For we gat not the Land in Poſſeſſion through our own Sword: neither was it our own Arm, that helped us. *xliv.* 3.

But thy right Hand, and thine Arm, and the Light of thy Countenance: becauſe thou hadſt a Favour unto us. ver. 4.

Thou haſt been my Succour: leave me not, neither forſake me, O God of my Salvation. *xxvii.* 11.

Unto thee O God, will I pay my vows: unto thee will I give Thanks. Pſal. lvi. 12.

Thou haſt not ſhut me up into the Hand of the Enemy: but haſt ſet my feet in a large Room. *xxxi.* 9

The Lord hath given Strength unto his People: the Lord hath given his people the bleſſing of peace. xxix 10.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghoſt;

As it was in the Beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be: World without end. Amen.

Proper Pſalms, CXI, CXXV, CXLV.

Firſt Leſſon *Iſaiah,* XII.

Te Deum.

Second Leſſon, St. *Matthew* V. 1—16.

Jubilate Deo.

The Creed, *&c. to the End of the Lord's Prayer.*

Then the Prieſt ſtanding up, ſhall ſay.

Prieſt. O Lord, ſhew thy Mercy upon us:
Anſ. And grant us thy Salvation.
Prieſt. O Lord, ſave the King;
Anſ. Who putteth his Truſt in thee.
Prieſt. Send him Help from thy holy Place.
Anſ. And evermore mightily defend him.
Prieſt. Let his Enemies have no Advantage againſt him.
Anſ. Let not the wicked approach to hurt him.
Prieſt. Endue thy Miniſters with Righteouſneſs.
Anſ. And make thy choſen people joyful,
Prieſt. O Lord, ſave thy people,
Anſ. And bleſs thine Inheritance,
Prieſt. Give peace in our Time, O Lord:
Anſ. Becauſe there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Prieſt. O God, make clean our Hearts within us,
Anſ. And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

Inſtead of the firſt Collect for the Day, the following Prayer ſhall be uſed.

O God, who ruleſt over all the Kingdoms of the World, and with infinite Wiſdom exerciſeſt Judgment and Loving-kindneſs in the Earth; we acknowledge ourſelves to have deſerved, by our great and manifold and long continued Provocations much heavier Sufferings and Burthens, than thoſe which thou broughteſt upon us in the late War

We adore thee for correcting us in Mercy, for maintaining our Right and our Cauſe, notwithſtanding our Sins, lifting up our Heads above our Enemies, and finally giving us Peace on all Sides round about. Incline us effectually, ever hereafter, to ſtand in Awe of thy Chaſtiſements, and preſerve a lively ſenſe of thy Favours; to hold faſt the Profeſſion of our Faith, without wavering, and excite one another to Love and good Works; to become as remarkable for our Gratitude, as we have been for our Deliverances and Bleſſings; and ſhew Mankind the Happineſs of the People, who have the Lord for their God. Hear us, O heavenly Father, through the Mediation of thy dear Son; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghoſt, be all Honour, Praiſe, and Thankſgiving, world without end. *Amen.*

In the End of the Litany, which ſhall be uſed on this Day, after the Collect [We humbly beſeech thee] *ſhall be ſaid this Prayer following.*

O Lord, the Creator of the Ends of the Earth, who haſt made of one Blood all Nations of Men; Grant us to walk in ſuch equity and wiſdom towards the various People, with whom we are concerned, that we may provoke none of them to do Evil, but be inſtrumental in turning many from the error of their ways, by our good examples, and meek zeal for promoting thy holy Truth. Diſpoſe them to peaceful thoughts and counſels, that we may enjoy, by mutual Intercourſe, thy manifold Bounties, open their eyes, that they may ſee the wondrous things of thy Law, and haſten the Time, when all Men ſhall know thee, and all be righteous, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The Communion Service.

After the Collect for the King [Almighty God whose Kingdom, &c.] *the following ſhall be uſed inſtead of the Collect for the Day.*

MErciful Lord, who haſt given thy Servants Reſt from their Enemies, give us alſo Underſtanding to ſee, and Uprightneſs to follow after whatſoever things belong to our Peace and laſting Welfare. Direct the Views and Steps of our gracious Sovereign, and of thoſe who are conſulted and employed in publick affairs; that they may judge and act prudently and rightly in relation to the extenſive Intereſts, religious and civil, of his whole Dominions. Unite the Hearts of all his Subjects, every where, to ſecond theſe beneficial Undertakings; and crown them with ſuch complete Succeſs, that his Kingdoms may become a Praiſe in the Earth. Grant this, Almighty Father, for the Sake of thy Son, our bleſſed Redeemer. *Amen.*

The Epiſtle. Gal. V. *Ver.* 13——26.

The Goſpel. *St.* Matthew V. *Ver.* 43——48.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Nicene Creed: *and after that the Sermon.*

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¶ *After the Prayer* [for the whole ſtate of Chriſt's Church] *ſhall follow.*

¶ *A Prayer for the Reformed Churches.*

O GOD, the Father of Mercies, we preſent our Supplications unto thee, more eſpecially on behalf of our Reformed Brethren, whom, bleſſed be thy Name, thou haſt hitherto wonderfully ſupported. Make them perfect, ſtrengthen, ſtabliſh them: that they may ſtand faſt in the Liberty wherewith Chriſt hath made them free, and adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Preſerve the Tranquillity of thoſe who at preſent enjoy it: look down with compaſſion upon ſuch as are perſecuted for Righteouſneſs ſake; and plead thy cauſe with the Oppreſſors of thy People. Enlighten thoſe, who are in Darkneſs and Error, and give them repentance, to the Acknowledgment of the Truth: that all the Ends of the World may remember themſelves, and be turned unto the Lord; and we may all become one Flock, under the great Shepherd and Biſhop of our Souls, Jeſus Chriſt, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for Unity.*

O GOD, who makeſt Men to be of one Mind in an Houſe, we earneſtly beſeech thee to extinguiſh the Animoſities, and heal the Diviſions, of the People of this Land. Put away from us all Bitterneſs and Wrath and Evil-ſpeaking and Envy: that our Hearts may be firmly Knit together in mutual Affection, in Zeal for our Religion and Laws, in dutiful Obedience to the King, and all ſubordinate Magiſtrates;

ſtrates; that we may ſtudy to be quiet, and do each our own Buſineſs; following the things which make for Peace, and wherewith one may edify another; to the Honour of thy Goſpel, and the Salvation of our Souls, through the Merits of our Redeemer Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

GRANT, we beſeech thee, Almighty God, that the Words which we have heard this day with our outward Ears, may, through thy Grace, be ſo grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the Fruit of good Living, to the Honour and Praiſe of thy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who haſt promiſed to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name; We beſeech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our Prayers and Supplications unto thee; and grant, that thoſe things, which we have faithfully asked according to thy Will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our neceſſity, and to the ſetting forth of thy glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Prieſt (or Biſhop, if he be preſent) ſhall let them depart with this Bleſſing.

THE peace of God, which paſſeth all underſtanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord: and the bleſſing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, be amongſt you, and remain with you always.

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